(ङ) क्या सरकार गेहूं के उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए उसकी बुआई से पूर्व सभी अपेक्षित घोषणाएं करेगी ; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य तथा उपभोक्ता मामलों के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह) : (क) 30 जून, 1997 तक 92.69 लाख टन गेहूं और 118.69 लाख टन चावल (चावल के हिसाब से धान सहित) की वसूली कर ली गई है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते

(ङ) और (च) यह सरकार की घोषित नीति है कि किसानों को लाभकारी मूल्य देना सुनिश्चित किया जाए और इन मूल्यों की घोषणा खरीफ और रबी, दोनों फसलों के बुआई मौसम से पहले की जाती है।

Import of infected wheat

2056. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased ot state:

(a) whether the report published in the Pioneer of 10th July, 1997, saying that "the infected wheat has been allowed to be imported into the country" is correct;

(b) if yes, what have been the reasons and circumstances for doing so;

(c) what are the details of quantity, price, value and the country of export; and

(d) what are the details of various tests that are conducted on importable wheat and whether the same have been so conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has decided to import upto 2 million tonnes of wheat during 1997-98, of which STC has finalised contracts for import of 1 million tonnes from Australia in the first instance. The details in this regard is as under:—

Qty. (in lakh MT)	Price (in US $ PMT)	FOB Value (in Rs. crores)
2.50	153.40	138.00
7.50	152.65	411.00

(d) Before shipment, wheat consignments are certified by the Australian Phytosanitary Authorities as also other Government authorised preshipment inspection agencies. After arrival in India composite samples drawn by nominated Technical Officers are analysed at FCI's Laboratories and the Central Grain Analysis Laboratory in the Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs. The samples are analysed to assess the physical parameters to determine their conformity with the contractual specifications. The samples are also analysed by the Health Ministry and Plant Protection and Quarantine Storage (PPQS) Ministry of Agriculture to ensure that the stocks meet the sanitary and Phytosanitary norms laid down by the Government of India. Samples are also tested in the laboratories under Bhaba Atomic Research Centre by FCI to determine the levels of radioactive residue. All the wheat imported so far has been subjected to these tests.